

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 1-17 are the claims pending in the current application. Claims 4-8 and 11-17 have been withdrawn from consideration. Thus, claims 1-3, 9 and 10 are the claims that have been examined in the instant application. Claims 1-3 and 9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yap et al., U.S. Publication No. 2001/0033736 in view of Agnihotri et al., U.S. Publication No. 2002/0081090. Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yap in view of Agnihotri as applied to claim 9 above, in further view of Kanemitsu, U.S. 6,854,127.

Applicant hereby amends claims 1, 3 and 9, and cancel claims 4-8 and 11-17.

Preliminary Matters

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim to foreign priority, as well as receipt of the certified copy of the priority document.

Applicant also thanks the Examiner for indicating that the drawings filed on September 4, 2003 are accepted, and for considering and initialing the references submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed September 10, 2004.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yap et al., U.S. Publication No. 2001/0033736 in view of Agnihotri et al., U.S. Publication No. 2002/0081090.

Amended claim 1 recites, “extracting additional information from a digital broadcasting program and recording the additional information separately in an additional information storage unit, the additional information including title information and summary information.” Yap discloses that storage devices 205, 255 (which contain memory devices 210-235) store the recorded events and information together. See paragraphs [0131] and [0133] and FIG. 2 of Yap. Yap fails to disclose that the additional information is also extracted from a broadcast signal and recorded separately. Thus, Yap fails to disclose all of the elements of claim 1.

Agnihotri fails to cure the defects noted in Yap with respect to amended claim 1. Agnihotri discloses a system and method for determining whether a video program has been previously recorded. However, Agnihotri discloses recording entire transcripts of programs in a memory, while the video program is recorded on a hard disk drive. Agnihotri does not disclose that title information and summary information are recorded separately, as recited in amended claim 1. Thus, Agnihotri fails to cure the defects noted in Yap with respect to amended claim 1, and claim 1 is patentable over the applied art.

Amended claim 9 recites similar limitations to amended claim 1, and is for analogous reasons thereto. Claims 2 and 3 are patentable at least by virtue of their dependency from amended claim 1.

Claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yap in view of Agnihotri as applied to claim 9 above, in further view of Kanemitsu, U.S. 6,854,127.

Claim 10 is dependent from claim 9. Because the proposed combination of Yap and Agnihotri fail to disclose all of the elements of claim 9, and because Kanemitsu fails to cure the

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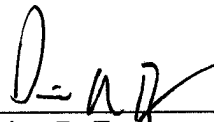
defects noted in the proposed combination, claim 10 is patentable at least by virtue of its dependency from claim 9.

Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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